adjudicate various matters applies to all 'workmen' irrespective of the wage drawn by them. The definition of the word 'workmen' under the Atc, however, excludes those who are employed in a supervisory capacity asd draw wages in excess of Rs. 1600/- per month and those who by the nature of the duties attached to the office or by the reason of the powers vested in them function mainly of a managerial nature.

Children working in carpet Beedi and Bangle Industry

489. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps Government are taking to make available the information regarding children below 14 years of age working in carpet, beedi, crackers and bangles industries in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): The information regarding industry wise employment of children below 14 years of age is not being maintained by the Census of India. Under a plan scheme Ministry of Labour assists NGOs to take up actnon oriented programmes for the welfare of child labour which include raising of social awareness. A child labour cell has also been constituted in the National Labour Institute, New Delhi which *inter-alia* helps in disseminating information relating to Child Labour.

Number of medical and technical graduates in the country

490. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) the number of Science, Mediia Technical and other graduates at the er of Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five Ye Plans respectively/separately;

(b) what are the details of the percer tage increase in the above categories dur ing the last five years year-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken for their placements?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Estimates of stocks of graduates of different categories made recenly by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research are given for the year 1981 1985 and 1990 in the enclosed statement. (*See* below) The statement also gives the average annual (compound) rates of growth of the stocks for the period 1985-90.

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan, which is being finalised, has employment as a central obective and envisages a geographically and crop-wise diversified agricultural development, development of rural non-farm sector, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing, expansion of housing, health services and education and strengthening of infrastructure like energy, transport, communication and irrigation. These are likely to generate substantial employment opportunities for the educated, including scinece, technical, medical and other graduates.